

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the lid comprising:
a body having a top wall defining a substantially circular periphery and a recessed central portion radially inward of the circular periphery, the body further having a drink opening positioned in the top wall, the body further having a retaining ~~element~~ recess positioned in the top wall and spaced about 90 degrees from the opening, the body further having a mounting portion to mount the body to the container; and,
a closure element affixed to the body, the closure element movable between a first position wherein the closure element obstructs the opening, and a second position wherein the closure element is received by the retaining ~~element~~ recess.
2. (Original) The lid of claim 1 wherein the closure element includes a base portion, a connector arm, and a plug, the connecting arm located between the base portion and the plug, the base portion being connected to the mounting portion.
3. (Currently Amended) The lid of claim 2 wherein the retaining ~~element~~ recess is positioned opposite the base portion of the closure element.
4. (Currently Amended) The lid of claim 2 wherein the retaining ~~element~~ recess is positioned in the top wall near the base portion of the closure element.
5. (Original) The lid of claim 2, wherein the opening and the plug are cooperatively dimensioned such that the plug is removably received by the opening.
6. (Currently Amended) The lid of claim 2, wherein the retaining ~~element is a recess,~~ the recess and the plug are cooperatively dimensioned such that the plug is removably inserted in the recess.
7. (Original) The lid of claim 2, wherein the connector arm is flexible to accommodate movement of the closure element between the first and second positions.

8. (Currently Amended) A lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the lid comprising:

a body having a top wall defining a substantially circular periphery, the body further having an opening positioned entirely in the top wall, the body further having a retaining ~~element~~ recess positioned [[with]]in the top wall, wherein the retaining ~~element~~ recess is spaced approximately 45 degrees from the opening and wherein said spacing of the retaining ~~element~~ recess and the opening is defined with respect to a center point of the body, the body further having a mounting portion to mount the body to the container; and,

a closure element affixed to the body, the closure element movable between a first position wherein the closure element obstructs the opening, and a second position wherein the closure element is received by the retaining ~~element~~ recess.

9. (Original) The lid of claim 8 wherein the closure element includes a base portion, a connector arm, and a plug, the connecting arm located between the base portion and the plug, the base portion being connected to the mounting portion.

10. (Currently Amended) The lid of claim 9 wherein the retaining ~~member~~ recess is positioned between the opening and the base portion of the closure ~~member~~ element.

11. (Original) The lid of claim 9, wherein the opening and the plug are cooperatively dimensioned such that the plug is removably received by the opening.

12. (Previously Presented) A lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the lid comprising:

a body having an annular top wall and a recessed central portion, the body having drink opening positioned entirely in the annular top wall, the body further having a retaining element positioned in the annular top wall and wherein the retaining element and the opening are in an angular positional relationship, the body further having a mounting portion to mount the body to the container; and,

a closure element affixed to the body, the closure element movable between a first position wherein the closure element obstructs the opening, and a second position wherein the closure element is received by the retaining element.

13. (Original) The lid of claim 12 wherein the angular relationship between the opening and the retaining element is obtuse.

14. (Original) The lid of claim 12 wherein the angular relationship between the opening and the retaining element is acute.

15. (Original) The lid of claim 12 wherein the angular relationship between the opening and the retaining element ranges between 30 and 90 degrees.

16. (Original) The lid of claim 12 wherein the angular relationship between the opening and the retaining element ranges between 90 and 180 degrees.

17. (Original) The lid of claim 13 wherein the closure element includes a base portion, a connector arm, and a plug, the connecting arm located between the base portion and the plug, the base portion being connected to the mounting portion.

18. (Original) The lid of claim 17, wherein the opening and the plug are cooperatively dimensioned such that the plug is removably received by the opening.

19. (Currently Amended) A lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the lid comprising:

a body having a top wall defining a substantially circular periphery, the body further having a drink opening positioned entirely in the top wall, the body further having a first retaining ~~element~~ recess and a second retaining ~~element~~ recess wherein both retaining ~~elements~~ recesses are positioned in the top wall, the body further having a mounting portion adapted to mount on the container; and,

a closure element affixed to the body, the closure element movable between a first position wherein the closure element obstructs the opening, and a second position wherein the closure element is received by one of the retaining ~~elements~~ recesses.

20. (Currently Amended) The lid of claim 19 wherein the drink opening is positioned between the first retaining ~~element~~ recess and the second retaining ~~element~~ recess.

21. (Currently Amended) A lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the lid comprising:

a body having a top wall, a mounting portion, and a sidewall extending between the top wall and the mounting portion, the body further having a recessed central portion positioned radially inward of the top wall and a drink opening positioned entirely ~~[[with]]~~in the top wall, the body further having a retaining ~~element~~ recess that is in an angular positional relationship with the drink opening, said positional relationship defined with respect to a central vertical axis of the central portion; and

a closure element affixed to the body, the closure element movable between a first position wherein the closure element obstructs the opening, and a second position wherein the closure element is received by the retaining ~~element~~ recess.

22. (Currently Amended) The lid of Claim 21, wherein the angular relationship between the retaining ~~element~~ recess and the drink opening is obtuse.

23. (Currently Amended) The lid of Claim 21, wherein the retaining ~~element~~ recess is positioned adjacent a periphery of the recessed central portion.